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Union Mass Meeting at Lexington.

Plain Talk from Gov. Brownlow.

Arrest of Emerson Etheridge.

The F. P. V's. Unrepentant.

Sheridan's Order to Texan Refugees.

Additional Evidence of Davis' Complicity in the Assassination.

Important Work in the Freedmen's Bureau.

Continued Inhumanity to Former Slaves.

Cincinnati, July 11.—An enthusiastic Union mass meeting was held at Lexington, Ky., yesterday. Speeches were made by Mr. Kesson, of Ohio, and General P. P. Blair, urging the adoption of the constitutional amendment.

A special to the Gazette says Governor Brownlow, of Tenn., has issued a proclamation declaring the franchise law the supreme law of the land, denouncing as rebels those who attempt to oppose its execution. He calls upon the militia to arrest persons who, under pretense of being a candidate for Congress, advise the people to nullify the Constitution and laws, and stirring up rebellion and sedition.

A Nashville dispatch to the Commercial announces the arrest of Emerson Etheridge at Columbus, by the commandant of the post, for delivering incendiary speeches in Tennessee.

New York, July 11.—The Herald's correspondent from Southern Virginia reports that the freedmen in that region still in a crude condition, consequent to a considerable extent, on the planters and the freedmen not yet fully understanding their altered relations, or at least not recognizing them, and much annoyance is thereby caused the military authorities in their efforts to adjust the difficulties of the planters, in many cases, are disposed to insist on their authority to punish negroes for disobedience, while members of the latter do not yet realize that freedom does not mean idleness and are disposed to desert the plantations. The loyalty to the National Government of the white Virginians, generally, the correspondent expresses the opinion, is not the genuine type.

The people admit they have been overpowered and forced to yield, but do not express regret for their rebellious course. They still cling to their old semi-feudal ideas of chivalry and regarding labor as dishonorable, and can not understand that a new order of things is established, under which, if he would prosper, he must work.

Troops are still being mustered out of service in the Department of Virginia in large numbers.

Mr. Bowden, Attorney General of Virginia under Gov. Pierpont, has submitted an opinion regarding what he is qualified to exercise the elective franchise at the approaching election, in which he says all adult white citizens, six months resident in a county, who have not held office under the rebel government, and who are not excluded by the President's amnesty proclamation, may vote on taking the oath of allegiance.

In one county of the State a man has offered himself as a candidate for sheriff, who argues as a recommendation that he served four years in the rebel army.

New York, July 11.—The steamer Evening Star from New Orleans this morning arrived at an early hour this morning.

Gen. Sheridan had issued an order compelling refugees from Texas that the United States troops were now in possession of that State and that they can return to their homes with security and resume possession of their property.

The order also notified the people of Texas that no guards or armed bands of self-protection will be permitted in the State, as the military forces of the United States will be sufficient to protect persons and property. All acts of the Governor and Legislature of Texas, since the passage of the session ordinance, are declared illegitimate.

The World's Washington special says: It is now regarded as quite certain that a special military commission will be instituted in a short time for the trial of Jeff. Davis on a charge of complicity in the assassination of President Lincoln.

The discovery of additional evidence involving Davis, is said to be the cause of the transfer of his case from a civil to a military tribunal. In this connection it may be added that Prof. McCulloch, the rebel inventor of a way for overcoming certain difficulties as alleged to be rebel plots to burn the late conspiracy trial, was brought here to-day and placed in prison.

The confessor of Mrs. Surratt, the Rev. Mr. Walters, says in revealing the confession, that as God lives, Mrs. Surratt was innocent of the murder of President Lincoln, or of any intent or conspiracy to murder him.

The Herald's Washington special says a report has been received at the bureau of refugees, freedmen and abandoned plantations, that the report states that prior to the dissemination of our troops through the interior of the South many slaves were hunted, shot down and left in the woods while endeavoring to reach our lines, and that accounts for their bodies being found there, but since a cessation of hostilities this business has stopped. There are, however, a few instances of cruelty, but a majority of the people appear to be willing to obey the authority of the United States.

W. P. Noble, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, has resigned, and Judge D. N. Cooley, of Iowa, has been appointed to the position.

The Times says the minister out of General Wright's provisional corps extinguishes the Army of the Potomac as an organization of the army.

The Army of Tennessee is also extinct, the only corps now in existence are the 11th, Gen. Wood, just sent to the Department of the Gulf, the 12th, Gen. Steele, going to Texas; the 16th, Gen. A. J. Smith, in Alabama and Mississippi; the 23d, garrisoning North Carolina, under Gen. Ruler; the 24th, garrisoning Virginia, and the 25th, ordered mostly gone to Texas, under Gen. Walker. These corps are all greatly reduced in numbers.

The Tribune's special says that the Freedmen's Bureau has refused to restore to former rebels confiscated and abandoned lands, so that the Government for the use of freedmen, land refugees, and has finally concluded to leave the whole subject to the decision of the courts.

Cases of inhumanity to negroes are constantly reported to Gen. Brownlow, as occurring in the interior of the Southern States. Planters have been known to administer from 100 to 500 lashes to their former slaves, of both sexes.

New York, July 11.—Gen. Hooker has arrived here, and reported to the War Department for orders.

Osborn, the naval reporter who was under arrest charged with publishing contradictory news, has been notified by Gen. Dix that he has approved the findings of the court in his case, which was not guilty.

Cincinnati, July 11.—River rises seven inches; ten feet in the channel; rain falling the last two hours. Thermometer 77; barometer 29.25, falling.

A man stopped at a hotel in New York and deposited \$25,000. It was stolen by a clerk of the hotel. A court recently gave the lodger only \$1,000 damages, on the ground that the first named sum was an unreasonable deposit.

A fearful accident occurred near Lyons, Iowa, by which a party returning from a wedding got into a swollen stream that had overflowed its banks, and four men and one woman and child were drowned.

RIVER MATTERS.

ARRIVALS.

Gen. Buell, Cincinnati; D. C. Horton, Lexington, Ky.; Sandy Valley, Madison; St. Charles, St. Louis; Sandy Valley, Madison; St. Charles, St. Louis.

DEPARTURES.

United States, Cincinnati; Gen. Buell, Lexington, Ky.; Sandy Valley, Madison; St. Charles, St. Louis.

The river was at a stand yesterday with 4 feet 6 inches water in the canal, by the mark. During the previous 24 hours it had varied only a few inches in the falls.

The weather continues wet with light rains in the morning and again in the evening, with the thermometer down to 82.

On the falls last evening there were 2 1/2 feet of water in the pass down the Indian chute.

At Cincinnati yesterday the river had risen 7 inches with falling weather.

The Pittsburgh papers of Monday report 4 1/2 feet water in the canal at that point. The Cumberland river is still falling with only 20 inches water on the shoals Monday evening, with the arrival at Nashville of only the Webb from Evansville, and the Wm. Butler from St. Louis.

The Fannie Brandies came in from the Wabash yesterday with a heavy consignment of corn for Government use.

Our port continues very light, though the arrivals yesterday were more numerous than the day previous.

All the boats going up the river are crowded with passengers, chiefly soldiers on their way home. The St. Charles, and Gen. Buell were full.

The Rose Hill, having been released from Government service, has arrived direct from Duval's Bluff, White river. She reached that point on the 3d inst., in company with the John T. McComb, Pocahontas, Melrose, Argonaut, No. 2, Starlight, Ontario, Commercial, Financier, Marmora, and Anglo Saxon.

The Melrose was ordered to St. Louis with a Kansas regiment on board en route for home.

The Rowena, the regular Memphis packet left Duval's Bluff on the 4th for Memphis.

Among the boats sent up Red river were the Guidon, Idaho, Carrie, Emma Floyd, Lady Franklin, Tarrason, Neil Longworth, Emerald, Citizen, Armenia, J. H. Baldwin, Corsair, and Argosy.

It was thought that the Minnie, Jewess, and Havana were also sent up Red river.

The Yorktown and Kenton are due from Pittsburgh.

Captain Clay Richmond, of the steamer Arrow, says that the Cumberland river is in its present condition, proves itself to be a source of extreme annoyance, if not of positive danger, to boats passing between its piers.

The Charmer, from St. Louis, has been laid up at Evansville.

The Indiana, Capt. J. L. Neal, of the Indiana, arrived from Cairo yesterday by rail on his way to Cincinnati. The Indiana will be fully repaired to-day, with a new engine, and will leave Cairo this evening, and will arrive on Friday.

The Indiana will be at Portland Friday ready to receive freight for New Orleans, to which point she starts on Saturday evening. Passengers or shippers could not secure a letter or more commodious boat than the Indiana.

The Rose Hill, Capt. Egan, resumes her place in the Louisville and Evansville mail line to-morrow, Thursday.

We learn from the Cincinnati Gazette that the Indiana, 2 weeks on the Europa docks on Saturday. She will be followed by the Robert Burns, Caroline and Rob Roy. But fifty dollars are charged for docking boats, to which point she starts on Saturday evening. Passengers or shippers could not secure a letter or more commodious boat than the Indiana.

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COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE LOUISVILLE UNION PRESS, Tuesday, July 11, 1865.

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